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SUBJECT: DRAFT TOAST FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT TOAST PREPARED FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY. THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING THE TEXT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

2. QUOTE -- TO HIS EXCELLENCY FOREIGN MINISTER VAJAPYEE AND TO THE OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE ASSEMBLED HERE, I WOULD LIKE FIRST TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM WELCOME I HAVE RECEIVED IN INDIA. I WAS ESPECIALLY TOUCHED BY THE MINISTER'S KIND REMARKS. WHILE I REGRET THAT MY SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT ME TO SPEND ANY LONGER THAN TODAY WITH YOU, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT EVEN A VISIT AS BRIEF AS THIS ONE IS MOST USEFUL AND SATISFYING.

IN HIS MAY 22 SPEECH AT NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY, PRESIDENT CARTER SINGLED OUT INDIA AS ONE OF "DEMOCRACY'S GREAT RECENT SUCCESSES." TRULY FOR US AMERICANS THE WORLD IS A MORE HOSPITABLE PLACE NOW THAT INDIA'S CLAIM AS THE
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WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY IS UNQUESTIONABLE. I CONSIDER IT A PERSONAL PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE AT SUCH AN HISTORIC PERIOD IN YOUR NATIONAL LIFE.

AS THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORK OF THE NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT KNOW, JUST AS THOSE OF US IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAVE DISCOVERED, TRANSLATING THE EUPHORIA OF AN

ELECTION VICTORY INTO CONCRETE PROGRAMS TO FULFILL PLEDGES
MADE TO THE ELECTORATE IS NOT EASY.

IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AREA, WE ARE FACED WITH THE NEED TO
MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE MEANINGFUL IN THE WORLD AT LARGE THE
COMMITMENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC IDEALS WHICH WE IN AMERICA
AND YOU IN INDIA SHARE. THIS PROCESS HAS BEGUN BUT RESULTS
WILL NOT BE EVIDENT IN 100 OR EVEN 200 DAYS. RATHER, WE
ARE ENGAGED IN A LONG-TERM PROCESS OF IMPROVING THE
PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN OUR PLANET.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PROCESS WILL BE TO STRENGTHEN THE
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE WORLD'S TWO LARGEST DEMOCRACIES --
INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I LOOK ON MY VISIT
HERE AS A SMALL STEP IN THE ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND
DEEPEENED DIALOGUE BETWEEN US WHICH BEGAN WHEN AMBASSADOR
GOHEEN ARRIVED IN INDIA IN MAY AND WHICH WILL BE CARRIED
FORWARD WHEN SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE VISITS DELHI LATER
THIS YEAR, AND WHICH ALSO IS BEING CARRIED ON THROUGH
PRIVATE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS.

WE SHOULD TRY TO DO MORE THINGS WITH EACH OTHER FOR OUR
MUTUAL BENEFIT. WE ARE ALREADY IN THE PROCESS OF EXTEND-
ING OUR COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF SCIENCE, CULTURE, AND
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. THERE IS MUCH WE CAN DO TOGETHER IN A
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NEW ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF NOT
ONLY INDIA'S POOR BUT THAT OF DISADVANTAGED PEOPLES ALL
OVER THE WORLD.

LET US RECOGNIZE THAT COUNTRIES AS LARGE AND AS DIFFERENT
AS OURS ARE, ARE BOUND TO DIFFER IN DEALING WITH SOME
PROBLEMS. BUT THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE DEVELOPING A
COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BASED ON THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE
ARE ABL FREELY AND HONESTLY TO REASON WITH ONE ANOTHER.
SUCH A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST WILL INEVITABLY INCREASE OUR
APPRECIATION OF THE AREAS WHERE OUR INTERESTS AND PREFER-
ENCES ARE ALIKE OR ARE CAPABLE OF BEING BROUGHT CLOSER
TOGETHER.

DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND A DEEP COMMITMENT TO HUMAN
RIGHTS BESTOW SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ON INDIA AMONG ALL NATIONS,
BUT ESPECIALLY WITH AMERICANS. INDIA'S ENDURING STABILITY,
ITS GROWING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC ANDSCIENTIFIC STRENGTH, AND
ITS ABILITY TO WORK OUT BILATERALLY A PATTERN OF MORE
NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS ALL ENHANCE THE MAJOR
ROLE INDIA PLAYS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY -- AS DOES

INDIA'S MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED. AMERICAN INTERESTS ARE WELL SERVED BY THE PROGRESS WHICH INDIA AND ITS NEIGHBORS HAVE MADE TOWARD A STABLE SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL SYSTEM, FREE FROM OUTSIDE DOMINATION -- A SYSTEM IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OF THE REGION ARE ABLE TO DEVOTE INCREASING RESOURCES TO THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT.

SOMETIMES OUR INDIAN FRIENDS COMPLAIN THAT THE OUTSIDE WORLD PAYS INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO THE SUBCONTINENT AND

TO INDIA. I THINK THIS IS A MISTAKEN VIEW. WE HAVE DEEP INTEREST IN SOUTH ASIA AND IN INDIA. AS YOU KNOW, THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF TAKES A DIRECT PERSONAL CONCERN IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE FACT THAT SOUTH ASIA IS NOT IN THE PRESS HEADLINES ALSO REFLECTS, MUCH TO YOUR CREDIT, THAT THE NATIONS OF SOUTH ASIA ARE SOLVING THEIR POLITICAL DIFFERENCES IN A RATIONAL MANNER THROUGH QUIET DIPLOMACY BY THEMSELVES. WE HOPE THAT OTHER MORE TROUBLED CORNERS OF THE GLOBE CAN DEMONSTRATE A SIMILAR RECORD OF STATESMANSHIP.

IN CONCLUSION, I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS BRIEF OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND FURTHER TO SOLIDIFY OUR GROWING COOPERATION AND FRIENDLY BILATERAL RELATIONS. I APPROACH THE FUTURE OF INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH OPTIMISM. SO DOES PRESIDENT CARTER. HE IS CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL NOT ONLY WORK TOGETHER CONSTRUCTIVELY ON BILATERAL MATTERS BUT CAN COOPERATE INCREASINGLY IN ADDRESSING THE MAJOR GLOBAL ISSUES THAT CONFRONT US DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES.

THEREFORE, I ASK THAT YOU JOIN ME IN RAISING YOUR GLASSES TO OUR HOST, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF INDIA, AND TO STRENGTHENED FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO DEMOCRACIES. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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